

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) but are hereby cancelled, thus obviating the rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

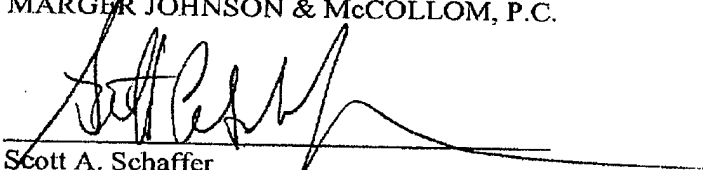
Claims 5-6 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 5 has been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of claim 1 and claim 4 from which it depends. Removal of the rejection is respectfully requested. Claim 6 remains dependent upon now-modified claim 5 and should now be allowable as well.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 5-6 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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